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**KSDK-TV - Wash U scientist: Landfill hotspots 'extremely radioactive'** - 1/29/14 - New information released Tuesday paints a clearer picture of the growing problems at the radioactive West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton. News Channel 5 got a look at a map of a portion of the landfill known as Area 1. It shows where the Environmental Protection Agency found new radioactive "hot spots" during ground testing late last year. The tests were being done to find a place to build a barrier between the waste and an underground fire in the adjacent Bridgeton Landfill.

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/01/28/west-lake-landfill-hot-spots-radioactive/4970961/>

**Forbes - EPA's Wood-Burning Stove Ban Has Chilling Consequences For Many Rural People** - 1/29/14 - It seems that even wood isn't green or renewable enough anymore. The EPA has recently banned the production and sale of 80 percent of America's current wood-burning stoves, the oldest heating method known to mankind and mainstay of rural homes and many of our nation's poorest residents.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/larrybell/2014/01/29/epas-wood-burning-stove-ban-has-chilling-consequences-for-many-rural-people/>

**Wichita Eagle - Ethanol industry set to fight EPA on blend rule** - 1/28/14 - Ethanol industry official promised Tuesday a long fight against moves by federal regulators to cut the amount of biofuels blended into the nation's gasoline.

<http://www.kansas.com/2014/01/28/3253414/biofuels-industry-gathers-for.html>

**Post Bulletin - Proposal to trim RFS would harm farmers and Midwest economy, officials tell EPA** - 1/29/14 - Midwestern biofuel supporters urged the Environmental Protection Agency not to reduce 2014 volume obligation levels in the Renewable Fuels Standard during last week's "Hearing in the Heartland" at the World Food Prize Borlaug Hall of Laureates in Des Moines.

[http://www.postbulletin.com/archives/proposal-to-trim-rfs-would-harm-farmers-and-midwest-economy/article\\_1afdc705-6230-58ac-ba0d-212fedc32318.html](http://www.postbulletin.com/archives/proposal-to-trim-rfs-would-harm-farmers-and-midwest-economy/article_1afdc705-6230-58ac-ba0d-212fedc32318.html)

**WHO-TV - AGRIBUSINESS: EPA Proposal Reaches End of Public Comment** -1/29/14 - January 28 marked the end of the public comment period for EPA's proposed 16 percent cut for

renewables production this year.

<http://whotv.com/2014/01/29/agribusiness-epa-proposal-reaches-end-of-public-comment/>

**Des Moines Register - Miller says EPA can't cut mandate** - 1/28/14 - Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller says the federal government doesn't have the authority to reduce how much ethanol and biodiesel should be blended into the U.S. fuel supply.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20140129/BUSINESS01/301290034/0/SPT0302/?odyssey=nav%7Ch>

**Omaha World-Herald - Ethanol backers vow to fight for biofuel mandate** - 1/29/14 - Ethanol industry officials promised Tuesday a long fight against moves by federal regulators to cut the amount of biofuels blended into the nation's gasoline.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20140129/MONEY/140128567/1707>